Ministries\Departments concerned for final comments before seeking the approval of the Cabinet.

World Congress of Alternative Medicines Hosted by the Zoroastian College, Mumbai

1132. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that World Congress of Alternative medicines was hosted by the Zoroastian College in January this year at Mumbai;

(b) whether the discussions held at the said Congress covered wide range of method adopted by various systems;

(c) if so, the subjects covered;

(d) whether any help or assistance have been sought from Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Polio Immunisation in Remote and Tribal Areas of the Country

1133. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many children below five years were given oral polio drops in the first and second phases of recent polio immunisation drive in the country with State-wise and Union Territory-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the drive had covered the remote tribal areas in the country particularly in Maharashtra:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what steps Government propose to ensure polio immunisation in the remote and tribal areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The Statements showing State-wise coverage of both rounds of pulse polio immunisation drive are annexed. [*See Appendix 180, Annexure No. 28*]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Separate figures for tribal coverage were not collected. However, the steps taken especially in tribal areas for maximum coverage during the said drive were as under.

(i) Enumeration and enlistment of beneficiaries throught Health workers & Anganwadi Workers by house to house visits.

(ii) Intensive IEC activities in local languages for wide publicity through house to house visits, use of loudspeakers, drum beating, audio cassettes in every tribal village and padas (hamlets).

(iii) The children in the schools were given the pulse polio immunisation messages to carry at home and also to bring the children from their homes and neighbourhoods.

(iv) Students' rallies were organized in all the villages.

(v) Polio booth was established in each and every village to enhance accessibility and availability of immunisation facility. Vaccine was carried in cold boxes to the remote polio immunisation booths.

Scheme for Treatment of T.B. in Collaboration with the World Bank in Bihar

1134. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the treatment of T.B. in collaboration with the World Bank in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work under the said schemes has been started; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?